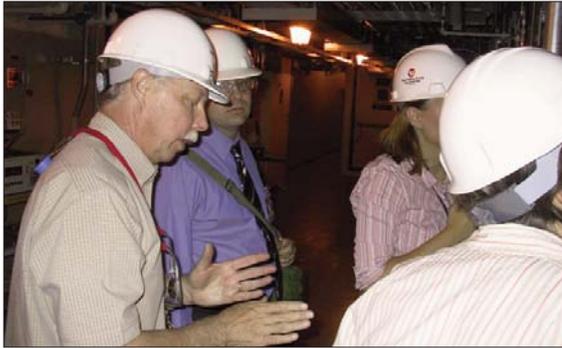


### Disposal plant GM retires



**D**oug Hamrick (left, above) is leaving what he describes as “clearly the most challenging” but also “the most rewarding” job he’s held during nearly 40 years working in chemical demilitarization and nuclear operations. But the Project General Manager at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (UMCDF) since late 2002 wants to make one thing perfectly clear: “I wouldn’t leave if I didn’t have the ultimate confidence in this staff” to finish the project successfully. “There will be challenging times and frustrating times, but I’m very comfortable being able to watch as this project reaches a successful end.”

Doug said the public is equally confident. Although it took time to foster, Doug takes great satisfaction in the support UMCDF has received from local communities and stakeholders.

“We’ve truly tried to keep the commitment to be open, honest and candid,” he said. “Our stakeholders understand that we’re not perfect. But when we make mistakes we disclose them and resolve to do better.” It takes vigilance to maintain the public’s confidence, he added, noting, “It took years to earn that trust and it could be shattered by one mistake.”

Doug said he’s been fortunate to help manage some excellent projects over his career. For instance, he was plant and startup manager at the Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (ANCDF), director and operations manager for Westinghouse Hanford Company, project director for Westinghouse Government and Environmental Services Company, and project manager and deputy manager on projects at Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. But he has no reservations declaring the team at UMCDF “the best I’ve ever seen. It’s the whole team, my staff, the plant staff and the work force. It’s been a real honor to work with this team.”

### UMCDF Highlights

- It has been 1,026 days, or more than 4.8 million work hours, since a lost-time accident occurred at the UMCDF (July 7, 2006).

#### Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility Processing

(April 22 - 29, 2009)

Total number of VX-filled land mines destroyed this period	
Total VX land mines destroyed to date	<b>11,685</b>
Percentage of VX land mines destroyed to date	<b>100</b>
Pounds of VX agent destroyed this period	<b>0</b>
Pounds of total VX agent destroyed to date	<b>734,262</b>
Total munitions destroyed to date since start of operations (Sept. 7, 2004) <i>including non-stockpile GB and VX ton containers</i>	<b>217,969</b>
Nominal tons of chemical agent destroyed to date	<b>1,377.86</b>
Percentage of total agent tons destroyed	<b>37.07</b>

### UMCD/UMCDF Milestones

- **Nov. 5, 2008:** Last VX mines destroyed in the Deactivation Furnace System (DFS).
- **Nov. 4, 2008:** Last VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Sept. 25, 2008:** First VX mines transported from depot storage to disposal plant and destroyed in the(DFS).
- **Aug. 6, 2008:** Completed VX 8-inch projectile campaign.
- **July 16, 2008:** Processed first VX 8-inch projectile in the Metal Parts Furnace (MPF).
- **July 15, 2008:** First VX 8-inch projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **June 27, 2008:** Completed VX 155mm projectile campaign.
- **March 21, 2008:** Destroyed first VX 155mm projectile in the MPF.
- **March 20, 2008:** First VX 155mm projectiles transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Jan. 23, 2008:** Completed VX rocket campaign.
- **Dec. 24, 2007:** Completed VX spray tank campaign.
- **Nov. 26, 2007:** Processed the non-stockpile VX ton container.
- **Nov. 23, 2007:** Destroyed the first VX spray tanks in the MPF.
- **Nov. 19, 2007:** First VX spray tank transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **Nov. 9, 2007:** First VX chemical agent destroyed in the Liquid Incinerator (LIC).
- **Oct. 29, 2007:** Processed the first VX M55 rockets in the DFS.
- **Oct. 26, 2007:** First VX M55 rockets transported from depot storage to disposal plant.
- **July 8, 2007:** Completed GB munitions campaign.

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